

# UPDATE!

## Spring 2015 Testing Schedule

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Spring 2015 testing dates for all summative assessments are included in this document.

Students in grades 3 – 8 and 11 will be assessed on Michigan’s current content standards in English language arts (ELA), mathematics, science, and social studies.

Since Michigan moved from fall testing in grades 3 – 9 to spring testing, students will be tested on content learned in the current school year versus prior year student knowledge. This move necessitated a change in the tested grades for science and social studies. Beginning with 2015, students in grades 4, 7, and 11 will be tested in science, while students in grades 5, 8, and 11 will be tested in social studies. This is a change from last year.

The English language arts assessment consists of reading and writing, at each grade 3 – 8, and 11. This is a change from prior years when writing was assessed only at grades 4, 7, and 11. Mathematics will continue to be assessed at grades 3 – 8 and 11.

The ACT Plus Writing® and WorkKeys® have been extended for one year as the college entrance and work skills assessments for grade 11 and eligible grade 12 students. The testing schedule is:

	ACT Plus Writing	WorkKeys
<b>Initial Test Date</b>	March 3	March 4
<b>Makeup Date</b>	March 17	March 18
<b>Accommodations Testing Window</b>	March 3 – 17	March 4 – 18

The following pages include an updated overall *Spring 2015 Testing Schedule for Summative Assessments* and the testing dates specified for the paper/pencil tests.
















### Online Testing

has the flexibility of testing **any** time during the testing window designated for each grade level.

### Paper/Pencil Testing

will be administered within the same windows as online, but with initial and makeup testing dates specified for each grade and content area.

## Spring 2015 Testing Schedule for Summative Assessments

	Week Beginning																	
	2/9	2/16	2/23	3/2	3/9	3/16	3/23	3/30	4/6	4/13	4/20	4/27	5/4	5/11	5/18	5/25	6/1	6/8
Grades 5 and 8											 3 wks							
Grades 4 and 7												 3 wks						
Grades 3 and 6															 3 wks			
Grade 11											 3 wks		 8 wks					
MI-Access Alternate Assessments																		
College Entrance: ACT Plus Writing*				 3/3 ONLY		 3/17 ONLY												
Accommodations Testing				 3/3 – 3/17														
Work Skills: WorkKeys*				 3/4 ONLY		 3/18 ONLY												
Accommodations Testing				 3/4 – 3/18														
WIDA Access for ELLs				 7 wks														
WIDA Alternate Access for ELLs				 7 wks														

Online testing has the flexibility of testing **any** time during the testing window designated for each grade level. Paper and pencil tests must be administered on the dates specified for each content area in the window designated for each grade level.

\*ACT Plus Writing and WorkKeys have been extended for one year. The initial testing dates for Spring 2015 are March 3<sup>rd</sup> for ACT and March 4<sup>th</sup> for WorkKeys. The makeup dates are March 17<sup>th</sup> for ACT and March 18<sup>th</sup> for WorkKeys. The accommodations testing window is March 3 – 17 for ACT and March 4 – 18 for WorkKeys.

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Online Assessment



Paper/Pencil Assessment

The general assessment for grades 3 – 8 and 11 are shown in the first four rows of the table. The window for these assessments spans eight weeks with grades testing within sub windows as specified.

### ONLINE Test Administration Dates\*

- Grades 5 and 8: the online tests may be administered on any instructional day **April 13 – May 1, 2015**
- Grades 4 and 7: the online tests may be administered on any instructional day **April 27 – May 15, 2015**
- Grades 3 and 6: the online tests may be administered on any instructional day **May 18 – June 5, 2015**
- Grade 11: the online tests may be administered on any instructional day **April 13 – June 5, 2015**
- MI-Access Alternate Assessments—all grades: the online tests may be administered on any instructional day **April 13 – May 29, 2015**

\*For online testing, not all students need to be administered the same assessment at the same time, nor on the same day.

## PAPER/PENCIL Test Administration Dates

Schools are required to follow the paper/pencil testing schedule which specifies which components of which content areas must be administered on specific calendar days. The specific dates for the paper/pencil tests in each grade level sub window are shown for all content areas in the calendars on the following pages.

**NOTE: The Classroom Activity must be completed prior to administration of the PT. Inadvertently administering the PT before the Classroom Activity is considered a testing irregularity.**

### English language arts (for all grade levels)

- Day 1 ELA paper/pencil test will include Sessions 1 and 2 (Session 2 is the listening part).
- Day 2 ELA paper/pencil test will be the Performance Task (Session 3—Parts 1 and 2).
- The 30-minute ELA Classroom Activity for paper/pencil may be administered the Monday before testing, on Day 1 (before or after testing), or on Day 2 (before the Performance Task).

### Mathematics (for all grade levels)

- Day 1 mathematics paper/pencil test will include Sessions 1 and 2.  
*For Grades 6–8 and 11, Session 1 is non-calculator and Session 2 is calculator permitted.*
- Day 2 mathematics paper/pencil test will include the 30-minute Classroom Activity and the Performance Task (Session 3—*calculator permitted in grades 6–8 and 11*).
- For grades 3–5, NO calculators are permitted on any session or part of the test.

### Science (for grades 4, 7, and 11)

- The science paper/pencil test will be administered on one designated day.
- Grades 4 and 7 will include parts 1 and 2.
- Grade 11 will include one part.















### Social Studies (for grades 5, 8, and 11)

- The social studies paper/pencil test will be administered on one designated day.
- Grades 5 and 8 will include parts 1 and 2.
- Grade 11 will include one part.

**NOTE:** Administrations using designated supports and accommodations may occur any day from the designated date of testing for that subject/part through the final make-up testing date.















## Paper/Pencil Test Dates

### Grade 11

April 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	 14 ELA Day 1	 15 ELA Day 2	 16 SCIENCE	 17 Makeup ELA/Science	18
19	 20 Makeup ELA/Science	 21 MATH Day 1	 22 MATH Day 2	 23 SOCIAL STUDIES	 24 Makeup any content area	25
26	 27	 28	 29	 30	 1	
Makeup - any content area						

## Paper/Pencil Test Dates












### Grades 5 and 8

April 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	 14 ELA Day 1	 15 ELA Day 2	 16	 17 Makeup - ELA	18
19	 20 Makeup ELA	 21 MATH Day 1	 22 MATH Day 2	 23 SOCIAL STUDIES	 24 Makeup any content area	25
26	 27	 28	 29	 30	 1	
Makeup - any content area						

# Paper/Pencil Test Dates









## Grades 4 and 7






April 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	 28 ELA Day 1	 29 ELA Day 2	 30 Makeup ELA	1	

May 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					 1 Makeup ELA	2
3	 4 Makeup ELA	 5 MATH Day 1	 6 MATH Day 2	 7 SCIENCE	 8 Makeup any content area	9
10	 11	 12	 13	 14	 15	16
	Makeup - any content area					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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# Paper/Pencil Test Dates

## Grades 3 and 6

May 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	 19 ELA Day 1	 20 ELA Day 2	 21 Makeup - ELA	 22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	 26 Makeup ELA	 27 MATH Day 1	 28 MATH Day 2	 29 Makeup any content area	30
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June 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 1	 2	 3	 4	 5	6
	Makeup - any content area					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

## M-STEP Shipping Dates for Paper/Pencil Materials

If you SHIP your materials. . .				
Grades	On or Before this date	Between the following dates	Between the following dates	After final shipping dates
5, 8, and 11	May 6, 2015	May 7 – 13, 2015	May 14 – 22, 2015	Answer documents will NOT be scored. Results will NOT be included in data files and final report.  No late fee or processing fee will be charged, but ALL materials MUST be returned.
4 and 7	May 20, 2015	May 21 – 29, 2015	June 1 – 5, 2015	
3 and 6	June 10, 2015	June 11 – 17, 2015	June 18 – 26, 2015	
	No late fee...no processing fee.  Results will be included in the data files and final reports.	Scoring contractor may charge school a <b>\$250 late fee.</b>	Scoring contractor may charge school <b>\$250 late fee and \$25 processing fee per Answer Document.</b>	Failure to return materials may result in a substantial fine levied against the school by the Michigan Department of Education.
		Results will be included in the data files AND final reports.		
These are <b>SHIP</b> dates, not dates the scoring contractor <i>receives</i> your materials.				
<b>NOTE:</b> Schools must administer subjects on the dates specified. Schools are NOT authorized to deviate from this schedule unless prior written approval is obtained from the Office of Standards and Assessment.				